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SUBJ: TEXTILE TRAINING AND APPLIED RESEARCH CENTER

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHAEFFER ENGINEERING (FRENCH COMPANY ASSOCIATED WITH RIEGEL TEXTILE AND BLUE BELL IN DEVELOPMENT OF TEXTILE COMPLEX IN IVORY COAST) CALLED EMBASSY TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE TEXTILE TRAINING AND APPLIED RESEARCH CENTER IN IVORY COAST. MR. B. THIERRY MIEG, PRESIDENT OF SCHAEFFER ENGINEERING HAS WRITTEN TO MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, BARRY BATTESTI, PROPOSING THAT SCHAEFFER PLAY A COORDINATING ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A CENTER. TO THEIR APPARENT CHAGRIN, SCHAEFFER REPRESENTATIVES HAVE LEARNED THAT MINISTER BATTESTI PLANS TO VISIT BRAZIL TO WORK OUT DETAIL WITH GOB REGARDING BRAZILIAN ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP A TEXTILE TRAINING CENTER. ACCORDING TO SCHAEFFER REPRESENTATIVES, GOB MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL VISIT IVORY COAST EARLY IN MAY TO SIGN A CONVENTION WHEREIN, INTER ALIA BRAZIL WILL GRANT IVORY COAST 80 MILLION CFA (\$370,000 AT PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE) FOR THE CENTER.

2. IN ORDER NOT TO FORECLOSE FRENCH AND/OR US

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PARTICIPATION IN TEXTILE TRAINING AND APPLIED RESEARCH

CENTER, SCHAEFFER ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INVITED BATTESTI TO VISIT TEXTILE TRAINING INSTITUTES IN FRANCE (AT SCHAEFFER EXPENSE) BEGINNING APRIL 15 FOR 5 DAYS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO BRAZIL.

2. SCHAEFFER REPRESENTATIVES ASKED THAT WE CONTACT MR. WILLIAM REID, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF RIEGEL TEXTILE CORPORATION, 260 MADISON, NEW YORK, N.Y. TO DETERMINE IF RIEGEL TEXTILE WOULD, AT THEIR EXPENSE INVITE BATTESTI TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN THE US VISITING TEXTILE TRAINING INSTITUTES AFTER HIS TRIP TO FRANCE AND BEFORE PROCEEDING TO BRAZIL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFORM REID OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND SUGGEST THAT HE CONTACT THIERRY MIEG TO WORK OUT DETAILS. ALSO PLEASE CONFIRM IS REID IS COMING TO ABIDJAN FEBRUARY 12 AS PLANNED.
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